

**GENER  
ATION:  
FUCK  
YOU**

“The situation is like this: they hired our parents to destroy this world, and now they'd like to put us to work rebuilding it, and -- to add insult to injury -- at a profit.”

-The Invisible  
Committee; The  
Coming Insurrection

## My Story

Maybe I'm like you, maybe I'm not. At the time of this writing I'm in my mid twenties. My childhood was a series of evictions my adult life a series of minimum wage jobs that serve no greater purposes than existing. Something we likely agree on is that work sucks.

Forced labor sucks. Under capitalism all labor is forced labor, because if one chooses not to pay (Rent, groceries, medicine) they send men with guns to us, sometimes these men put us in cages, sometimes they give us fines we will never be able to afford, sometimes these men simply kill us. We are expendable, a surplus population. For most of us our time spent at work, is performing services for others or creating products for others to consume. We create the product or we create the services, and for our hard labor we are returned a fraction of what we created in the form of a wage. Our employer keeps the rest. It hasn't always been this way. And it doesn't have to be this way. But for the most part where I live in the Midwest United States, it is this way.

Those of us lucky enough to find employment take our wage and divide it up among various expenses. The immediate being bills, which is usually paying simply to exist (Rent, Insurance) or paying for basic necessities that someone else has decided they own and are charging us to have (Water, food). Beyond this we must purchase the things necessary to have our job (Transportation, uniforms, stimulants for work, recovery from work). Those of us who are able to cover the first two type of expenses then are given the option of purchasing pleasure commodities (Media, drugs, junk food); designed to break, designed to fill an empty hole in our lives. Most of these

pleasure commodities are made by slaves in countries we didn't learn about in public school, and will be forgotten in a closet or tossed into a dumpster after a relatively short amount of time.

Some of us feel trapped. Some of us feel humiliated. But most of us know there are better ways we could be spending our time, energy, and creativity.

Even those who do enjoy working, likely don't enjoy employment. They enjoy the feeling of creating. The validation of success. Their usefulness in fulfilling a need for someone. The pleasure or security they feel with the commodities they purchase with their paycheck. Whatever the case, these are not feelings unique to employment.

This zine is about understanding that what exists in the world is what we put into it. This zine is about understanding that how things are, is not how they have to be. This zine is about the world we want to see, the world we are currently living in, and bridging the gap between both in the immediate and the long term; for both ourselves and for each other.

Human beings are capable of more than clocking in and clocking out at the expense of their bodies and this planet.

One way or another they want to make us work, but they weren't counting on us being **generation: Fuck You.**

**“The refusal of work is a strategy that takes different tactical forms in different situations; obviously, specific tactics are better suited for people in some situations than for others. We’re not saying that working single mothers who slave all day cleaning floors to feed their children should quit their jobs and live on the street; but we are saying that anarchists who make comfortable incomes from wage labor should consider cutting down on their hours to start free childcare programs. We’re not saying African American men in the US who are always watched by racist security guards should steal (though many of them already have to do so); we’re saying that white radicals who have an easier time stealing should steal resources for collective projects that help everyone who needs food. We’re not saying that “freedom” means middle class punk kids dropping out of school to hitchhike around the world for a couple years before getting high-paying jobs at NGOs; we’re saying nobody is really free until all of us can make decisions based on desire rather than economic need, and the first step towards real freedom is for us to commit our lives to lifelong resistance... whether or not it comes with a salary.”**

**-Crimethinc**

## We Are Fucked

Work is a social construct; it is something that exists because we agree upon it existing, it continues to exist because we continue to participate in its existence. It exists because when we refuse to work we often enter conflict with those who take what we create. The last 300 years of work, especially the last 50, have destroyed our ability to inhabit this planet. Many of our parents have wasted their entire lives, often at the expense of their health to work.

We've heard it all before; *'Go to college' 'Do something you love' 'Save for retirement'* These things may be worthwhile tactical choices, they may be necessary acts of survival in our immediate, but we must acknowledge that they are only a band aid, and as long as we are forced to labor, we will remain unsatisfied. For our generation in particular these options are starting to sound so distant and unreachable for many of us. *Who has the money to even go to college? Is being forced to do something you love worthwhile? How do you save for retirement when you can barely find items in most stores priced less than an hour or a half hour of your labor?*

We watched businesses leave this country in 1999 to exploit cheap labor overseas, we watched the banks in 2008 cause a worldwide financial crisis. There were also many of us who were fucked long before these events. The jobs aren't coming back, and if they did, why would we want them? The environment is not coming back. We have to save what is left and adjust how we can. **We can be the generation to end employment.** We can be the generation to end forced labor. We can be the generation to end capitalism. But it starts with refusal. In our head, in our hearts, and with our fists.

They tricked and forced our parents and countless generations before us. We won't be fooled so easily. We didn't create this mess, and we damn sure aren't going to clean it up. We are building something new. And if we can't. We will destroy anyone who tries to stop us. For ourselves; for the animals.

**#YOLO:** You Only Live Once, there is no heaven, there is no hell, do you really want to spend your life in fear of what will be done to you for daring to make your dreams a reality? Are we going to live on our knees to prolong our suffering? Are we going to wait for a workers revolution that may never come? And if it did, what if it's just another way to organize forced labor?

History and every day organizing show us that when we come together, we find immense strength in each other. That when we choose to fight back, even if we don't gain everything we seek, we gain far more than we ever had, we prevent our situation from being much worse, and on occasion we breath the fresh air of total freedom.

We start from the point of individuals because though we know all people need the same basics of survival (Food, water, shelter, entertainment) we also know that we all follow different desires. We start from the point of individuals because though we know mass movements can be powerful and while we may take interest in participating, we are not waiting for others to come to the same realizations as us to act. We may dream about what we want, but more importantly we plot, and we directly live the way we want to.

The only reason you have to go to a job is because someone else forces you to. We've decided to take up self-defense and push back against that notion.

**“...tactics of escape, exodus, and physical resistance carry different levels of difficulty and risk for different people. It's easier to quit a job than to escape from prison. It's easier to run from the police if one is physically fit. But anyone can adopt a perspective of escape, and attempt to create lines of flight from the system. While it may be easier for some than others, nobody should be under a moral obligation to remain oppressed just to avoid being different from others; any such obligation only reinforces oppression.”**

**-Lupus Dragonowl**



## **There is no escape**

There are alternatives to wage employment. You can learn a specialized skill and employ yourself, you can become a criminal, you can become a bum, you can use social services. But anyway you slice it, you will still be working simply to exist on a planet you were born on. The self-employer still has to do projects for others at the expense of their own projects, the criminal must spend time shoplifting and avoiding arrest, a bum must still dive for food or sponge for cash, the social service squatter must still deal with endless bureaucracy for what may not even be enough to cover basic expenses.

These are not end goals, only compromises for survival. Some are more fulfilling than others. We know that not everyone is playing with the same deck of experiences, opportunities, or challenges. It is with this in mind that we plot, we scheme, we seek accomplices, and when we can, where we can, we move forward toward a world without forced labor.

If we do find ourselves employed there are also ways we can contribute. We can steal from work. We can offer free discounts to customers. We can organize a union. We can collect unemployment. We can sabotage production. We can start our own co-ops. We can save our money to avoid work again. We can save our money to fund radical projects outside of work.

For our own survival we may remain employed, but we never lose sight of our war against work. Because even health benefits, a living wage, a career, and any other pie in the sky dream, will never be good enough for us. We demand more from this life than never ending servitude.

**“Knowing that the reproduction of society depends upon our obedience, I choose a life of willful disobedience. By this, I do not mean that I will make sure that every action I take will break a rule or law—that is as much enslavement to authority as obedience. Rather I mean that with all the strength I have, I will create my life and my activities as my own without any regard for authority... or regarding it only as my enemy. I do all I can to prevent my life from being usurped by work, by the economy, by survival. Of course, as I go about making my living activities and interactions my own, all the structures of social control move to suppress this spark of life that is my singularity. And so I mercilessly attack this society that steals my life from me with the intent of destroying it”.**

**-Wolfi Landstreicher**

## **Fuck All Work**

Due to switching between the various societal roles mentioned previously (Self-Employed, Criminal, Bum, Social Services) I have been able to avoid wage labor for the last three years. Many are better than I at doing so. It is important not to have your escapism be a burden on other people. We are able to do what we do because we are brave, but also because we have the knowledge and skills necessary to do so. Chance and societal privileges are just as much as a factor as well. We must be fluid in our decisions, quick to react, and always with our perspective in mind. Some of us don't have a choice, some of us choose this life.

One of the most fundamental aspects of being successful at living without a job is transforming the way we view survival. Many of us have been conditioned to think that we need things like rent, a car, a job, groceries, etc. What we really need is shelter, transportation, food, water, etc. There are multiple ways to get all of these things, it's about finding out what you have access to when and where.

For example: 5 alternative ways to get food. *If you must purchase food, go vegan, and shop at dollar tree or a discount/surplus food store. You can easily eat on a few dollars a week by yourself.* Mix and match these techniques for best results.



## **Tactics**

### **Squatting**

There are vacant houses all over the US. Don't be afraid to learn how to take one over.

### **Shoplifting**

Not for everybody. Be safe. Be Smart. Only hit businesses not individuals.

### **Dumpster Diving**

There's nothing in life I've needed that on a long enough time line I haven't been able to find in a dumpster. Check apartment complexes and chain stores that don't have compactors.

### **Social Services**

It's what they're there for; Food Stamps, unemployment, food banks, disability, Etc.

### **Spanging/Pan handling**

Fly a sign. Ask for money when you need it. A quarter here a dollar there really adds up. When you have money give it.

### **Hustle**

\*BE CAREFUL!\* Any kind of employment outside of capitalist management. (Sex work//Drug Dealing)

### **Self-Employment**

Learn a skill//Find a resource. Print books. Make shirts.

Learn graphic design/Web Design/Computer Programming. Learn mechanics/carpentry. Find someone to teach you or use youtube at the library and practice your ass off. Download software for free. Play guitar.

### **Camping**

Urban or Rural. Learn the skills necessary to live out of a pack.

### **Couch Surfing**

Be a pleasure to be around, respect boundaries, take up little space, don't overstay your welcome. Ask to sleep on someones couch or floor. Don't insist on staying.

**“And You know, And you  
know I swear this  
We'll have community one  
day  
Build a family out of  
strangers down the way  
Build a family out of  
strangers down the way**

**We will learn from each other  
As we build something pure  
We'll teach each other to live  
Learn the meaning of secure  
This is the end of servitude  
We will learn to sweep our  
own floors**

**Teach each other to love  
We need no less, no more  
We need no less, no more”**

**-Moon Bandits**

## Let's Find Each Other

We know there is strength in numbers. We know there is pleasure in others. We know that no one deserves this garbage society we've all been forced into. It is time for us to not only reject work for ourselves, but to join together with others who are fighting the same fight and to create opportunities for others to understand our perspective and join us. Or at the very least, help limit their suffering in very easy tangible ways.

What starts out as small individual revolts, can easily turn into entire neighborhoods. We want our friends and neighbors to be able to follow their desires, not be crushed by the weight of this existence. We start out with ideas, projects and relationships. We build and strengthen these and learn to defend them (physically if necessary).

We listen to others and find out what they need. We contemplate ways to make that materialize. When nobody works the bosses have no one to boss over. We want to build an indefinite general strike. **Our only demand is: Fuck You.**

We can take care of each other, we can take care of ourselves. We don't need the bosses, we know how to create, we know how to destroy. Anything we don't know we can learn or teach each other.

You will find that everything you need is already within yourself and your community, or at least a nearby part of the city if you have to funnel in resources. It's time to make the stores irrelevant. It's time to end employment. And if we don't? At least we determine our life on our own terms.

## **Tactics**

### **Free Store**

Leaving the workplace behind will give you new skills/free time to seek out resources that can be provided publicly for the community. In the United States we are post-scarcity; *there is more than we could ever use of everything a person could ever need or want*. Forgotten closets, donations, dumpsters, all of these spaces can be scavenged for functional (and often brand new) commodities.

### **Food Not Bombs**

These exist in many cities. Since we know how to get food for free, and since vegan staples are the cheapest, we can make meals and provide produce we acquire to others so that they don't have to use their limited free time doing so, or because they don't have the resources (Transportation) or knowledge (Dumpster Diving) to do so.

### **Communal Living**

Who wants all that space to themselves? Find a group of friends or accomplices and split the rent. If you are able to save money and live in one of the many places hit hard by the housing crash buy a house and learn how to repair it. If someone needs a couch for a night let them stay.

### **Free Medical**

Along the same lines as the free store and free food programs. If you know how to offer medical or have access to medical supplies set up free clinics.

### **Barter/Trade**

Like all these tactics this is a compromise with the society we find ourselves in. Think about your friends and neighbors, what skills do they have? What resources do they have access to? What skills do you have? What resources? Share. I guarantee it will be cheaper and more fulfilling than what you can get at the store. And it's a good way to reach people who aren't exactly like us.

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